next step expected from abroad a a complete statement by Mexico of her attitude. Despite the long chain of suspicious circumstances tending to con-nect that country with Germany's in-

nect that country with Germany's intrigues, officials expect an indignant repudiation by the Carranza Government.
It is assumed also that Japan will take
advantage of the opportunity to reaffirm her lovalty to the Entente and her
friendship for this country.

The text of the German instructions
have been shown to the Japanese Ambassador here and both Ambassador
Fletcher at Mexico city and Ambassador Guthrie at Tokio have been cabled
full information as to the situation and dor Guthrie at Tokio have been cabled full information as to the situation and are expected to discuss the matter in-formally with the respective foreign of-fices. A new press campaign by Ger-many to discredit and counteract the disclosure is looked for. The definite establishment that such a

note had been sent by the German For-eign Secretary at once changed the at-mosphere of the whole critical situation both at the White House and at the State Lepartment. It indicated to offi-cials here that Germany's real designs had been disclosed and that the sooner American people awoke to this fact

e with the newspaper men declared nkly that the matter was of the gravest nature. He issued an official statement absolving Japan from any of the implied duplicity which might proposal. He also expressed doubt as to whether First Chief Carranza of Mexico

### Japan Rejects Plan.

The situation with respect to Japan was promptly cleared up by an official statement issued by Ambassador Sato, who explained that the Tokio Governwould under no circumstances en tertain such a suggestion. With respect to Mexico, lowever, the situation is more obscure. Indications are that either Carranga or at least some of his Cabadvisers are identified with the Ger-

The purport of the Zimmermann letter if not the actual letter itself-reached Pirst Chief Carranza late in January through Rafael Zubaran, the Mexican Minister to Berlin, it is understood. Mr. Zubaron returned to Mexico via Spain and Vera Cruz bearing important an-nouncements from the German Foreign Office to the First Chief.

Ome to the First Chief.

One of these unnouncements is now known to have inspired Carranaa's identic note to the Powers asking that the war in Europe be brought to a close by the neutral nations placing an embarge on all exports to belligerent countries. The other information which the tries. The other information which the German Foreign Secretary communi-cated is now understood to be along the the Zimmermann note.

The Mexican Embassy here and the exican news bureau maintained silence all day concerning the sensational at nouncement of the German intrigue. was fully expected that a perfunctory denial of Mexico's part in the plot would be forthcoming, but Mr. Di Nigri, who represents Mexico here, apparently decided to wait until he got some word from the First Chief.

### Mexicana Uncertain.

It was said the announcement might be made this evening, but officials here are only mildly interested in the form this anticipated diplomatic denial will come. The delay in making it, however, is regarded as signifying uncertainty among Mexican officials here as to how

far they might go in denying responsi-bility for the First Chief.
Secretary Lansing clearly inilmated that both the army and navy were con-corned in the precautionary measures which might have to be taken as a re-Built of the German intrigue in Mexico. When seen at the White House, Secre-tary of War Baker said: "Things look wery bad." Secretary of the Navy aniels said there were American naval vessels still off the Mexican coast and that the navy was alive to the situation.

There were only ten Senators present to-night when the President's communication inclosing Secretary nication inclosing Secretary Lansing's note was received. Senator Hitchcock moved that it be referred to the Com-mittee on Foreign Relations. Senator whose remarks in the course of chate on the resolution were inreply but made no objection to its ref-erence to the committee.

### Must Keen Details Secret.

Secretary Lansing made it clear Mayor of Bordeaux to be expended on mariler in the day that the details of how the note came into this Government's possession could not be made pub-It was intimated that lives might be involved. It might be that secret American agents had obtained the document, it was explained, or that it had fallen into the hands of the United States ough the instrumentality of some the Government could not give publicity to the matter without giving away its source of information. The President

thing that came from either the White House or the State Department. The thing that came from either the White House or the State Department. The statement in Secretary Lansing's letter that the evidence had been obtained by this Government during the present week was the most that was volunteered on the subject officially or unofficially. In the absence of any information from the White House or the State De-

partment the view widely held here is that it emanated from British sources.

marks in the Senate, the Senator intimating that he had hearsay evidence of
this.

The feeling of many Senators in addident had allowed the Zimmermann note
to become public at this time for the
purpose of influencing Congress to pass
the armed ship resolution in the form
reported by the Senate compilies.

Bordeaux.

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If I have to choose between William
Jennings Bryan and Woodrow Wilson I
prefer to follow Wilson, said Representative Longworth of Ohio, Republican, in
supporting the measure.

Representative Sloan's proposal to
provide that "in granting protection to
American ships no distinction shall be
American ships no distinction shall be
MASHINGTON, March 1.—Great Britain
has withd awn her objection and made
reported by the Senate compilies. The was noticeably more criticism of the President's action among Democratic Senators than among Republicans, but there was no disposition by either side to withhold recognition of the gravity of the Zimmermann note was established.

The attitude of the President is now no of waiting to see what effect the test revelations will have on Contract when the contract with the United States navy for armor piercing shells of the 14 and 16 inch type.

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### Irritated by Pacificts.

It was evident to-day from remarks of those close to the President that the agitation conducted by the pacifists had greatly irritated the President and that he was relying upon the latest evidence of German duplicity to remove obstruc-tions put in the way of granting him the fullest powers to act in the present

It is admitted that the President was in possession of the facts surrounding the Zimmermann note when he went to Congress last Monday. In fact his desion to go to Congress that day is elleved to have been largely influenced y the information he had just received. At that time he was not expecting, however, the opposition that has since been manifested in both houses to his re-quest for full powers to act.

The Zimmerman note was kept secret until the President became convinced, it is said, that his plan was meeting serious opposition. Then he allowed the news to become public in order, it is believed, we give the country as well as Congress some appreciation of the situation that has been rapidly developing of late and which calls as loudly as anything can for real defensive action.

ALBANY, March 1.—The Hill-Wheeler local option bill was stripped of many of its incidental provisions to-day by amendments agreed to by its introducers. As it stands now its most important provision would extend local option to cities as recommended by Gov. Whitman. The propessi to extend local option to counties, was eliminated by the amendments.

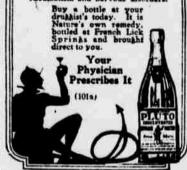


# The Young Man with a Future

THE man who wants to advancewho wants to do the big things in life that the big men are doing—knows that he must keep his digestive apparatus in tip-top fighting trim. Pru-dence dictates that the best

### PLUTO WATER America's Physic

Safeguard your system Jateguard Your system against the dangers of constipution when you are young and enjoy a viborous, clear-minded, active life in middle she and your meturer years. PLUTO is a senuinely helpful curative water in the treatment of kidney, liver and stomach troubles, rheumatism and nervous disorders.



## **ROCHESTER PASSES** WAR ZONE SAFELY

Officers and Crew of American Freighter to Be Feted in Bordeaux.

BORDEAUX, March 1 .- The progress up the River Gironde of the American steamer Rochester, which ran the German submarine blockade on her voyage from New York to Bordeaux, is being watched with almost as much interest as that of the American steamer Orleans. which also escaped the German submarines and arrived here early in the

marines and arrived here early in the week.

The Rochester arrived at the mouth of the Gironde early to-day and anchored off Verdon at 9:30 o'clock this morning to await a favorable tide. The steamer weighed anchor at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon and continued her trip upstream toward Paulline. The crew of the Rochester will be feted here in a manner equal to that of the captain and crew of the Orleans.

and crew of the Orleans.

The successful crossing of the sub-marine zone by the two American ships has caused much joy in Bordeaux, where the Stars and Stripes are everywhere

ment a check for 50,000 francs to the Mayor of Bordeaux to be expended on

regards most suitable.

The Toulouse municipal council adopted a resolution to-day congratulating the officers and crew of the Orlean upon successfully running the submarine blockade and sent "cordial salutations to the great American Republic and to its eminent President."

derman subject. In these circumstances the Government could not give publicity to the matter without giving away its source of information. The President and Secretary Lansing feel that the authenticity of the document is the only thing that matters so far as this Government's interests are concerned. Having vouched for its authenticity the President feels that Congress must accept this as final.

The mystery surrounding the source of the evidence of Germany's designs to embroil the United States with Japan and Mexico was not cleared up by anything that came from either the White Government was a business proposition and that the company would continue to remain a sailed hence on February 10 with the Orleans, a swifter vessel, which got into Bordeaux Monday, carrying a capacity cargo of food-stuffs, cithing and machinery valued at about \$1,000,000. W. S. Quick, general freight awent of the Kerr company, owner of the Rochester, received this message from the agent in Bordeaux: "Arrived Master," he said, "and third the Orleans, a swifter vessel, which got into Bordeaux Monday, carrying a capacity cargo of food-stuffs, cithing and machinery valued at about \$1,000,000. W. S. Quick, general freight awent of the Kerr company, owner of the Rochester, received this message from the agent in Bordeaux: "Arrived Master," he said, "and the Company of food-stuffs, cithing and machinery valued at about \$1,000,000. W. S. Quick, general freight awent of the Kerr Company, owner of the Rochester, received this message from the agent in Bordeaux: "Arrived Master," he said, "and the Company of food-stuffs, cithing and machinery valued at about \$1,000,000. W. S. Quick, general freight awent of the Kerr Company, owner of the Rochester, received this message from the agent in Bordeaux: "Arrived Master," he said, "and the long of the Company of food-stuffs, cithing and received the Company competed skippers and crews unless the relations between Germany and the United States changed materially. Both ships had the American flag painted on their sides.

The arrival of the Rochester at Bor-The arrival of the Rochester at Bordeaux makes four American freighters that have made their way safely through the war zone since February 1, the ships being the Dochra, for Genoa, and the Gold Shell, Orleans and Rochester, for

awarded some contracts to American concerns whose bids were much highe concerns whose bids were much higher than Hadfields. He may reaward some contracts to the British concern.

### GERMAN CONSULATE ROBBED.

Important Papers Said to Have Been Taken From Junrez Office.

JUAREZ, Mexico, March 1.-The Ger man Consulate here was robbed late last night and a number of important official papers were reported to have been taken from the files of Consul Max Weber, who has been in charge of Con-sular and diplomatic affairs for the Ger-man Government in northern Mexico. Consul Weber is ill at his home.

State Option Bill Stripped.

## DUTCH SHIP IGNORED PLOT REVELATION ORDER, SAYS BERLIN

Steamer Jacatra, One of Seven Only Question Seen Is How Long War Declaration Vessels Sunk. Warned Against Barred Zone. Will Be Delayed.

Leading Editorial View

This Morning.

The edition of the papers was exhausted quickly. The immediate idea of the man in the street was, "Here at last is an undoubted casus belii for the United States," The only matter for curiosity appeared to be how soon an actual declaration of war might be expected. The news was too late for editorial.

torial comment in the afternoon papers

No Idea Japan Would Quit.

Perhaps next to the effect of the news in America, the attitude of Japan excited the public mind most. Nowhere, how-ever, did the idea prevail for a moment that Japan could be detached from the

Entente. While the greatest confidence is felt that such an intrigue could only recoil on its authors, the British public is watching with the greatest interest further details and developments.

The Daily News in an editorial says:

bellicose than at any time since the sink-

ing of the Lusitania?" the News says the question admits of only one answer.

On Par With Other Activities.

ment of the whole republic strongly on

"Civilization must remain in peri-

"If the United States is to play the

EYES OF U. S. OPENED."

Buenos Ayres Paper Says Wilson

Will Get Power Now.

BUENOS ATRES, March 1 .- Despatches

concerning the German conspiracy to involve Mexico and Japan, published here to-day, caused stupefaction.

El Diario, commenting on the revela-

Morning Post, the Times and the

maintained.

Daily Mail make no comment.

The Daily Chronicle thinks Germany's

declined to make any statement

or Mexico.

APOLOGIZES PERFECT FAITH IN JAPAN GERMANY

Zimmermann Expresses Re- Congress Must Back Wilson Is gret, but Says His Country Is Not to Blame.

barred zone.

"In spite of the urgent warning the steamer continued her voyage in the direction of the English Channel. The steamer touched at the British pore of Dartnouth or Falmouth. As a consequence she was among the latch steamers which left these ports on February 22 and was sunk near the Scilly Islands."

Zimmermann Expresses Regret.

In a statement issued to-day Foreign Secretary Zimmermann said.

"In the name of the Government I expresses regret at the accident which oc-

In a statement issued to-day Foreign Secretary Zimmermann said: "In the name of the Government I express regret at the accident which ocor seas regret at the accident which coursed a few days ago to Dutch boats. On our part, however, nothing was left undone to prevent it. In no way is the Imperial Government blamable. The Dutch ship owners naturally desired to get their ships out of English ports. Doubtless they were not ready to sail Doubtless they were not ready to sail on February 16, up to which date they could have gone with full security. Then we put before them the dates February 22 and March 17, stating expressly and formally that on the previ-ous date the ships would have only rela-tive security, while positive security could be guaranteed for March 17. The reason for this was that the possibility existed that on the earlier date, submarines being already en route, they might

safe conduct to the Dutch vessels.
"When the Dutch owners, notwithstanding our reiterated warnings, de-cided in favor of the earlier date, the Minister of Marine did everything in his power to communicate the order to all submarines. But it appears he was not successful, for although a complete re-port on the incident has not yet been received it appears established that the sinkings are attributable to a German

miralty that the Dutch merchant marine has lost precious ships. The inci-dent proves how dangerous it is to navi-gate the prohibited zones and gives expression to our wish that neutral navigators cease to cross the zone and redom of the seas he rapidly established.

German Offer of Reparation. THE HAGUE, Netherlands, March 1. It is learned from an authoritative source that only the preliminary stage has been reached in Germany's offer to replace with German freighters seven Dutch merchantmen which were torpedoed. No German ships in Ameri-

# The Oriental Navigation Company of New York, owner of the Orienns, to mark the occasion of her safe arrival of the freighter Orleans in Bordeaux, has the freighter Orleans in Bordeaux, has

at any cost. The United States had made every effort to remain neutral, he d, but now its rights were being We may follow the teachings of the

Master," he said, "and turn the other cheek, but as the old negro said, "the Frequent patriotic outbursts and ref-erences to the flag drew a good natured protest from Representative London of

silection the hours of work under high tension.

"We have reached a stage," he said, "where sentiment rules and reason has been dispensed with. Members of this Congress who point to the flag and tell how they love it do not seem to realize that they make as big foois of themselves as the man who tells how he loves his wife."

"I see no yellow stripe in that seem to will one the supposed Representation."

"The Daily Telegraph declares that but for Senator Swanson's statement regarding the authenticity of the German revelations it could hardly have been brought to believe in the existence of all such a compound of knavery and idiocy," which it also describes as the supposed of the war, only equalled in dastardly character by its ridiculous aspect." The Telegraph expects Japan Japan will meet the incident with a destantion "which will one the American the could hardly have been brought to believe in the existence of all such as compound of knavery and idiocy," which it also describes as "the supposed of the war, only equalled in dastardly character by its ridiculous from the could hardly have been brought to believe in the existence of all such as a compound of knavery and idiocy," which it also describes as "the supposed of the war, only equalled in dastardly character by its ridiculous aspect." The Telegraph expects Japan Japan will meet the incident with a destant brought to believe in the existence of all such as compound of knavery and idiocy," which it also describes as "the supposed of the war, only equalled in dastardly character by its ridiculous aspect." The Telegraph expects Japan Japan idiocy, will have the existence of all such as compound of knavery and idiocy, which it also describes as the supposed of the war. now they love it do not seem to realize that they make as big fools of themselves as the man who tells how he loves his wife."

"I see no yellow stripe in that flag."
responded Representative Borland, Democrat, of Missouri, "and I'll never put one in it."

"If I have to the index and it is a spect." The Telegraph expects Japan will meet the incident with a declaration "which will once for all convince the American people that they have as little cause to fear the Japanese as the British dominions in the Pacific have."

The Telegraph regards the matter.

tries to which they may be bound, the desperate he was rejected, 196 to 103. Mr. Sloan also offered an amendment providing that "no passports shall be granted any "Civilization". American citizen intending to take passage on any ship bound for a foreign image is expunsed from human records."

The Express says: "President Wilson That was voted down, 190 to 57.

Still clings to the discredited policy of

Representative Kinkaid, Nebraska, proposed to include a provision that "a policy of strict neutrality shall be main-His amendment was rejected part in the world that is rightly hers the American men she work with the new submarine out which sovereignty and freedom can in about one week. on a viva voce vote.

### ALLIES INVITE CHINA TO ENTER THE WAR

President Opposes and Vice-President and Premier Favor Hostilities.

PEKIN, March 1.—The French Minister and the Belgian Charge d'Affaires, representing the Entente Allies, have invited China to enter the war, offering her remission of the Boxer indemnity and a revision of the Boxer indemnity and a revision of the tariff as inducements. A Cabinet crisis is imminent. The Vice-President and the Premier are urging China to join the Entente.

The President is receiving much critical of the diea. However, the proposal had no solid basis. Germany is bankrupt, and offered doubtful financial aid.

"The Germans misunderstood Japan if they supposed such a grotesque proposal warfare brought up in the American Government in the most careful manner every phase of international law and navai warfare brought up in the American Government.

The President is receiving much criticism for opposing immediate action. He gave out an interview to-day saying if they supposed such a grotesque proposing interview to-day saying if they supposed such a grotesque proposing interview to-day saying if they supposed such a grotesque proposition possible. It has served to expose states and other neutrals, but that he german movement against the was willing for China to join the United States and has opened the every phase of international law and if they supposed such a grotesque proposition possible. It has served to expose the German movement against the United States and has opened the every phase of international law and distribution of the American Congression in a distribution of consideration.

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# WORRYING HOLLAND U. S. GERMAN PRESS

STARTLES BRITAIN Motion in Parliament to Censure Wilhelmina for Visiting Carnival.

> AMSTERDAM. by mail. Feb. 15.—Should a Queen go skating when her country is in so serious a position as Holland? The question has been raised in Parliament by a motion to censure Queen Wilhelmina for going to skate at Leeuwaarden two days after Germany's submarine warfars, was anounced. While warden two days after Germany's sub-marine warfare was announced. While there is no chance of the motion even coming to a vote, it has been the sub-ject or much discussion in the lobbies and the newspapers.
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> Supporters of the motion declare skat-ing and ice sports are undignified and imply the neglect of State affairs by the

Explains Actions to Secretary Lansing and Incident Is Closed.

WASHINGTON, March 1 .- Dr. Paul Ruer, the Swiss Minister, who represents Secretary Lansing that he had no intenpro-German propagands. He denied re-sponsibility for the publication of the State Department or White House. State Department.

"The German proposals were doubtiess marked by a certain superficial astuteness, but only Germany could believe that solicitation by such a State as Mexico would suffice to detach Japan from the Entente. Credulity which could contemplate such an intrigue springs from mental infirmity."

The News assumes that the present moment was chosen to divulge the plot in order to clear the President's path in Congress, and it considers that even the incident therefore is closed, it is a made many mistakes, though the present in order to clear the President's path in Congress, and it considers that even the explained, and the State Department will give every consideration to Dr. Ritter's conduct that the letter cannot be authentic. The contents are almost conclusive that the letter cannot be authentic. The contents are almost conclusive that the letter cannot be authentic. The contents are almost conclusive that the letter cannot be authentic. The contents are almost conclusive that the letter cannot be authentic. The contents are almost conclusive that the letter cannot be authentic. The contents are almost conclusive that the letter cannot be authentic. The contents are almost conclusive that the letter cannot be authentic. The contents are almost conclusive that the letter cannot be authentic. The contents are almost conclusive that the letter cannot be authentic. The could consider that the papers that the plot was not discovered service agents, calls for additionation. St. Louis Amerika—German diplor has made many mistakes, though were for the most part sincere of the interests of a Government will give every consideration to Dr. Ritter's conduct. "The German proposals were doubtless marked by a certain superficial astute-ses, but only Germany could believe that solicitation by such a State as Mex-ico would suffice to detach Japan from moment was chosen to divulge the plot in order to clear the President's path in Congress, and it considers that even the pro-Germans will be swung into line with

give every consideration to Dr. Ritter in the performance of his task of repre-

the majority, for, it adds, "they would be as reluctant as Roosevelt himself to find themselves the subjects of Japan Asking "Why does the President, still PUTS BLAME ON RITTER. resolved on averting war, authorize a disclosure of this character at a time when the temper of the country is more Zimmermann Saya Swiss Minister Made First Move.

AMSTERDAM, via London, March 1.— Foreign Secretary Zimmermann before

would not have much authority, and we examined the suggestions which Should this impression prove to be false. President Wilson, if circumstances reached us from the Swiss Minister." se much the better.

### MEXICAN CARGOES WATCHED.

All Supply Shipments to Southern Office of Consul-General Here Republic Are Scrutinized.

Owing to the revelations from Washington yesterday concerning the aims of Germany to win the alliance of Mexico the Federal authorities began States at once to take unusual precautions in Mexico or to go abroad. No reason was watching the shipments of supplies given why so many persons should be from here to Mexico, and also from Seeking passports.

Japan to Mexico. Certain shipments. rom Japan to Mexico have gone through this port.
On pier 13, East River, where the Ward Line steamships are taking on a

cargo, much interest was shown in several cases marked "Japan to Vera him and many of his clerks, who had Cruz—Handle with Care." The author-counted on a holiday, to hurry to the ities are said to have taken pains to as-office. certain exactly what was in the cases.

### REPLY OF AUSTRIA TO BE CONCILIATORY

Ambassador Penfield Says He Expects to Receive Note Next Week.

Vienna, via Berlin, March 1.-The drasti-The Express says: "President Wilson still clings to the discredited policy of 'wait and see.' He has indeed seen lield, said this morning that he expected much, but still waits.

VINNA, via Berlin, March 1.—The drastic precautions. An additional detail of policy of the Austrian Government to the reply of the Austrian Government to the American memorandum concerning the new submarine warfare regulations

> Foreign Minister Czernin cailed at the embassy yesterday morning for a con-ference with Mr. Penfield. Among the matters discussed was the advisability of presentation by Count Tarnowski at this time of his credentials as Austrian Ambassador to the United States.

In the last three days the situation between the United States and Austria has shown a decided tendency for improvement. The statement is made here that a break between the two countries

Chicago 'Staats-Zeitung' Calls It an Act of Unfriendliness to This Country.

Detroit 'Abend Post' Says It Was Falsified or Misconstrued by White House.

thirty miles west of the Scilly Islands. The Jacatra carried grain for the Dutch of greeceding for Rotterdam. As the period of grace for meutral ships had not yet clapsed the steamer was allowed to go along, but was strongly advised to return, abandon the barred zone.

"In spite of the Urgent warning the steamer was allowed to go along, but he northeastern route. The Captain of the Dacatra was given a plan of the bacatra was given a plan of t will not be sufficient to persuade Americans that Germany is justified in proposing an alliance with Mexico to the injury of the United States or for the violation of the Monroe Doctrine. If the published version of a note signed "Zimmermann" is actually the correct copy of an authentic communication signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Germany, then Germany has committed an act of unfriendliness toward our country.

> Detroit Abend Post—We do not at this moment believe that the Associated Press news, reliable as it may be in ter, the Swiss Minister, who represents of the cases, is absolutely correct. Every body who is able to read between the State Department to-day and assured lines has come to the conclusion that Secretary Language that he had no intenmann must, if ever sent, have been mir tion of embarrassing this Government by construed. Our belief is that either the German note referring to the detention of consular officers to which the State nent saw many notes of similar char-Department objected in no uncertain acter, but none of them carrying a tenor rms yesterday. He offered to shape his as expressed in this communication.
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> The Cincinnati Volksblatt—If the let

ter of the German Secretary of For-As a result of the Minister's visit to eigh Affairs is authentic the American Mr. Lansing a different relationship ex-ists between the State Department and the Swiss Legation to-night Mr. Lan-of serious doubt whether it is true. To the Swiss Legation to-night Mr. Lan-sing authorized this statement on Dr. Ritter's behalf:

The contents are almost conclusive proof

able crime it would be if German di-plomacy really wove the plan which the Associated Press claims. It should be clear to every one that Germany cannot think of bringing war to us. All the good faculties must have deserted Zin-mermann if he is really reckoning with such a possibility. The German leaders must be ultra foolish if in the hope of such a possibility of the companies of the experience and the political knowledge of Dr. Zim-mermann should come to imagine such AMSTENDAM, VIA London, March 1—
Foreign Secretary Zimmermanin before the Reichstag said, referring to the move their best customer of the German inmade by Paul Ritter. Swiss Minister to the United States, to bring about a reopening of negotiations between the United States and Germany:

"The facts are as follows: On February S through the Swiss Federal Country of the Country of

attempt with Mexico on a par with her torpedoed. No German ships in American ports are involved in the suggested transaction.

ARMED NEUTRALITY

VOTED BY THE HOUSE

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When Representative Cannon rose to speak for the bill. American rights, he said, should be defended on land and sees at any cost. The United States had made every effort to remain neutral, he continued, but now its rights were being were being were and suggested to the continued of the problem is no longer to speak for the bill. American rights, he said, should be defended on land and sees at any cost. The United States had made every effort to remain neutral, he continued, but now its rights were being so negotiations between the cutter of the activities.

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### MEXICANS SEEK PASSPORTS.

Thronged on Holiday.

The Mexican Consul-tieneral's office on the thirtieth floor of the Equitable Building was thronged yesterday with persons seeking passports. The applicants said they wished to return to Mexice or to go abroad. No reason was also were also was also because the second passes. The ap-the Texas Legislature defeated to-day return to the Texas Legislature defeated to-day

seeking passports.
Early in the day the offices were locked owing to the fact that it was a Mexican holiday of some sort. Juan T. Burns, the Mexican Consul, was not in his office in the morning, but by noon the pressure of business had required

### GUARD MADISON AVE. BRIDGE.

Extra Police Watch Structure Fol lowing Anonymous Threat.

Extra precautions were taken last fight by the police to prevent any attempt to blow up the Madison avenue pridge over the Harlem River at 138th street. An anonymous letter was received by the authorities several days ago saying that the bridge would be blown up to night, and the police took drastic precautions. An additional detail of police and de-

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### GERMAN MINISTER KNOWS NOTHING

BREAK INEVITABLE

IS RUSSIAN VIEW

Wilson's Speech Taken as De-

cision to Defend Ameri-

can Lives at Sea.

PETROGRAD, March L.-President Wd.

son's request of Congress for power

to arm ships is held in diplomatic and

official circles here to constitute the

second step toward war with Germany and to be the logical sequence of the

The only possibility of avoiding war,

it is believed here, is for Germany t surrender her position concerning sub-marine warfare. The speech of the

in their editorials follow a similar tread The Foreign Office to-day authorized the

President Wilson's address has

made a good impression. If his policy is carried out the armits of ships will

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American and Germany is unavoid-

The Russkoya Volla sees in the ad-

activities of the people in the United

aggressiveness. The newspaper discusse

"President Wilson lays the responsi-bility for boostble war upon Germary. The acuteness of the situation and the position assumed by the strong peace element of the population compels Pres-ident Wilson to be especially guarded his expressions. But his address to Gongress would indicate that he be-lieves he has found a compromise in

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abate her submarine activity but on the contrary would consider arming of merchant ships a hostile act

use of submarines. Taking into co sideration certain official informati

that country.

following :

ASTOUNDED BY NOTE Von Eckhardt Denies in Mexico City Knowledge of Plot

MEXICO CITY, March 1 .- The German Minister to Mexico, H. von Eckhardt, declared to-day that he knew nothing about the instructions alleged to have OTHERS THINK IT FALSE been sent to him by Foreign Secretary Zimmermann regarding a German-Mexican alliance in the event of war between

Instructions.

Germany and the United States. Herr von Eckhardt made this state-ment in the course of a reply to the question if he had followed the instructions alleged to have been sent to him | breaking off of diplomatic relations with by Dr. Zimmermann.
"You must go to Washington for your

information," the Minister said. "If you must say something you may say the German Minister knows nothing Jamekichi Ohta, Charge d'Affaires for Japan, declared he had not been approached in any way with a proposal for any alliance with Mexico or Germany against the United States.

many against the United States.
Garza Perez, sub-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, now in charge of the Foreign Office, declared he knew nothing of the proposals mentioned. If the proposal had been presented by Minister von had been presented by Minister von Eckhardt, which he personally doubted, he said, it was presented direct to Min-ister of Foreign Affairs Aguillar or Gen. Carranza.

Henry P. Fietcher, the American Am Henry F. Fletcher, the American allohassador, left early to-day with Foreign Secretary Aguilar for Guadalajara, where Gen. Carranza now is. The trip was hurriedly arranged and kept secret until the party was well on the way. It seems to be the general opinion among well informed public men be that the proposal outlined in the Zim

dress of President Wilson a perplexing mermann note probably has definitely presented to Gen. Carransa by Minister von Eckhardt, although this s only a surmise on their part. the activities of the people in continues. States who favor peace, and continues. "President Wilson lays the responsi

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Doubts That Man of Zimmermann's Wisdom Would Have shows the Washington Government intends to stick to its former decision and to use all its means to defend the honor of the republic and the lives of its citi-Written Note.

Under the caption, "The Latest Seneign Affairs is authentic the American ration will be justified in resorting to senergetic measures, but it is a matter of serious doubt whether it is true. To us the letter appears a rank fabrication. The contents are almost conclusive proof that the letter cannot be authentic. The report that the plot was not discovered through any foreign source, but by secret service agents, calls for additional caution.

Under the caption, "The Latest Sensition," the New Yorker Staats Zeitung says of the Zimmermann note:

"It is only natural that Congress, deet that the letter cannot be dent has declined to give this information. He contents himself with declaring that the letter (Zimmermann's) is "authentic". that the letter (Zimmermann's)

St. Louis Amerika—German diplomacy has made many mistakes, though they were for the most part sincere omission rather than commission. The fall-ure to prevent the coalition between the coalition the coalition that the coalition the coalition that the coalition the coalition that the coal

such an uncertain ally as Mexico at her a project to be capable of realization is best would be they would antagonize beyond human understanding."

W. R. Hearst in a signed editorial in

triotism, our heroism, the bare bodies of our millions of spiendid young men, the cataracts of blood gloriously to be shed by our devoted and unprotected defenders, will in some way repel invasion and rescue the nation from disaster, even though we have family physicians at the head of our navy and society favorites in command of our army."

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